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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After the foregoing amendment, claims 2 and 3 are currently pending in this application. Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice. Claim 2 has been amended. Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced into the application by these amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 2 and 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 2 and 3 because they are based on a rejected base claim; namely, claim 1. The Examiner indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended claim 2 to include the subject matter of claim 1 and therefore, respectfully submit that claim 2 is allowable. Claim 3 is dependent upon claim 2 and therefore, is also allowable. The withdrawal of the objection to claims 2 and 3 is respectfully requested.

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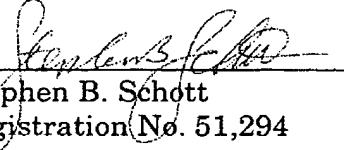
Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 2 and 3, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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